

REMARKS

In response to the election requirement in the Office Action of September 21, 2000, Applicants hereby elect without traverse the Group II claims - that is, claims 29 - 44, drawn to a method for making a semiconductor device. It is noted that the Office Action refers to claims 30-44 in Group II, but it is believed that independent claim 29 also belongs in this group. New claims 45-59 have been added and are supported in embodiments 5 and 6 in the specification.

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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